GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Allegation of misconduct and corruption against Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Gunadala and present District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Rajahmundry – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Written Statement of Defence submitted – Regular Enquiry conducted – Report submitted – Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1267 Dated:07-12-2015.

Read the following:

1. Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau Lr.Rc.No.38/RE-EWG/2008, dated:21-10-2009.
2. Government, Memo.No.48611/Vig.VI(1)/2009-1, dated:24-12-2009.
3. Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada Procs.No.E1/97/2010, dated:05-05-2010.
4. Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada Procs.No.E1/97/2010, dated:22-07-2010.
5. Regular Enquiry Officer report Lr.No.E1/680/2010, dated:11-04-2011.
6. Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada Lr.No.E1/97/2010, dated:29-4-2011.
7. Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, Lr.No.X2/12233/2008, dated:13-5-2011.
8. Government Memo.No.48611/Vig.VI(1)/2009-6, dated:09-01-2012.
9. Interim orders of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in OA.No.811/2012, dated:3-2-2012 filed by Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Gunadala.
10. Government Memo.No.48611/Vig.VI(1)/2009-3, dated:11-03-2015.
11. Orders of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in OA.No.811/2012, dated:23-06-2015 filed by Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Gunadala.
12. Representation of Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Gunadala And present District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Rajahmundry dated:25-8-2015.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has brought to the notice of Government alleging that Sri V.Ranga Reddy while working as Sub Registrar-I, Sub Registrar Office, Gunadala, Vijayawada has exhibited gross negligence by not maintaining the secrecy of the pass word and thereby gave access to unauthorized persons to the system in violation of Circular instructions of Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, regarding implementation of CARD project and also failed to submit the Annual Property Returns for the years 2001, 2007 & 2008 in violation of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and thereby recommended for departmental action on both counts against Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar Office, Gunadala.

2. Government have examined the matter and directed the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, to conduct Regular enquiry and furnish the enquiry report to Government in the reference 2nd read above.

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3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada has initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Gunadala duly framing the following charges:

> **Charge-I:**
> Sri V.Ranga Reddy, Sub Registrar-I, Sub Registrar Office, Gunadala, Vijayawada exhibited gross negligence by not maintaining the secrecy of the pass word and thereby gave access to unauthorized persons to the system in violation of Circular No.77, dated:18-10-2000 and Circular No.111, dated:29-12-2003 of the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad regarding implementation of CARD project.
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> **Charge-II**: The Accused Officer failed to submit his Annual Property Returns for the years 2001, 2007 & 2008 during the tenure of his service and thereby contravened Rule 9 (7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

4. The Charged Officer submitted Written Statement of Defence. Having not convinced, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada has appointed District Registrar (Market Value & Audit), Hyderabad as Inquiring Authority in the reference 4th read above.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Regular Enquiry Officer submitted the report holding both the charges held not proved against the Charged Officer Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar and present District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Rajahmundry.

6. Government have examined the matter and directed the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada to entrust the case to Cyber Crime Department and to keep the disciplinary proceedings in abeyance till the investigation is completed in the reference 8th read above.

7. Aggrieved by the above, the Charged Officer has filed the OA.No.811/2012 before the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in the reference 9th read above against the orders of the Government in the reference 8th read above and obtained interim orders as follows:

> "Pending disposal of the OA, there shall be an interim suspension of the impugned Government Memo.No.48611/Vig.VI(1)/2009-6, dated:09-01-2012".

8. Government have examined the matter and filed Counter Affidavit in the above OA with a plea to vacate the above interim orders in the reference 10th read above.

9. In the reference 11th read above, the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal disposed off the OA directing the respondents to conclude the disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar Office, Gunadala and pass appropriate orders on merits as per rules within a period of six months.

10. Whereas, in the reference 12th read above, the Charged Officer while enclosing the copy of orders of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in OA.No.811/2012, dated:23-06-2015 has requested the Government to exonerate him from the charges stating that since the Enquiry Officer submitted the report holding that the charges held not proved and the Disciplinary Authority also requested the Government to exonerate him from the charges since they are not proved. He has finally requested the

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Government to go through the unknown / unman address less petition which caused much damage to his promotion career and stated that there is no substantial evidences and loss to state exchequer. He has further stated that the enquiry findings are also not pointed out him at any stage and requested the Government to pass appropriate orders based on the enquiry reports and to drop further enquiry and to exonerate him from the charges.

11. Government after careful examination of the matter keeping in view of the orders of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in the reference 11th read above and material available with the Government observed that the regular enquiry held that the Charged Officer is innocent and the cyber crime relates to the other persons i.e., the ones who are responsible. It is also observed that there is no point in withholding the closure of case against the Charged Officer, which may effect his immediate promotional opportunities, therefore, it is decided and here by order to drop further action against Sri V.Ranga Reddy, former Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar Office, Gunadala and presently District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Rajahmundry duly entrusting the enquiry to Cyber Crime Agency in order to identify the culprit. Orders will be issued separately in respect of entrusting the case to Cyber Crime Agency.

12. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderbad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada/ Eluru shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECREATARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada/Eluru.
The Individual (through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru with a request to serve the order on the CO and furnish the served copy along with dated acknowledgement to Govt., for record).
The Secretary to the Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh. Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER